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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Enclosed herewith for your consideration and approval are the Minutes of the last Council meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Council of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO will be held on Thursday, February 20, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Stambro Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, I remain

Fraternally,

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL
January 16, 1975

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Murray, Exec. V.P. McLaughlin, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Buffum, Cardinal, Cleary, Dyson, Farnham, Fernandes, Ferreira, Lavin, Moseley, Mulloney, O'Donnell, O'Neil, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sonsini, Stefani, Tarallo, Wall

Absent: Vice Presidents Binnall, Campobasso, Claffey, DeRosa, Drew, Grieco, Khoury, Litano (union bus.), Quinn (union bus.) Valentino and Weng

Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Dyson read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Minutes of the December 19, 1974 meeting were accepted as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Specific action has been taken as far as replacing Joe McLaughlin in position of labor liaison man for the Mass. Bay United Fund. We had a discussion at Mr. McLaughlin's retirement luncheon and a number of labor leaders pointed out that the South Middlesex Council had submitted Joe McLaughlin's name and therefore they should fill this position.

The South Middlesex Council met Monday night and Arthur Osborne, President of IBEW Local 1505 is being proposed for the job of labor liaison man.

V.P. Buffum made a motion that the Mass. State Labor Council concur with the action of the South Middlesex Central Labor Council. The motion was seconded by V.P. Dyson and so voted. V.P. Prendergast was recorded as opposed.

The oath of office was submitted by President Sullivan to Michael Tarallo.

Pres. Sullivan then read a letter from Howard V. Doyle, President of Mass. State Council AFSC & ME asking that we advise our affiliates, when they are negotiating contracts, to include a requirement where public safety is a factor that police officers be present.

V.P. Ferreira explained that police officers who are members of AFSC & ME have refused to perform Special Details when there is a labor dispute. The Chief or Administrator then orders the people that are on duty to go out and the members are deprived of special detail pay. If a contract requires that you should have some type of protection by certified police officers then the members will be exonerated.

After a discussion among the Vice Presidents V.P. Farnham made a motion that was seconded that this matter be tabled for a month until the people concerned have a chance to get together and we see a draft of the letter that would go to the affiliates. So voted with V.P. Ferreira being recorded in opposition.

President Sullivan said that the Executive Officers will meet with Howard Doyle to discuss this matter and draft a letter. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Vice Presidents for their consideration and edification. We will also ask what criticism they have so that next time we meet we can straighten this out.

President Sullivan got a call at home that Lt. Governor O'Neil was having a meeting on Energy at 3:00 yesterday afternoon in the State House and that he should get in touch with O'Neill's office. After calling he found out that about a dozen people were being called together and one of them was Walter Ryan, Chairman of our Energy and Transportation Committee. Pres. Sullivan told O'Neill's office that it wouldn't be necessary for him to attend as Walter Ryan was our representative and would act on behalf of the Council.

President Sullivan intends to ask Walter Ryan to appear before the Council and inform us of what is going on. If there is any action before that Pres. Sullivan will inform the Council.

The Governor and Lt. Governor are disturbed about the information we got Monday as well as the State of the Union Message. We ourselves will take proper action with Congress and the Senate. Pres. Sullivan thinks it fitting and proper that we send a letter to the Congressmen and Senators regarding our thoughts on the President's proposed plan for the rejuvenation of America.

V.P. O'Donnell made a motion which was duly seconded that the Executive Officers be authorized to take proper action in this matter. So voted.

V.P. Sonsini requested that the letter express our dissatisfaction of the President's program to limit the increase in Social Security to 5% as opposed to 12%.

V.P. Cleary asked whether or not the Executive Officers had met with the Governor.

President Sullivan told him that the Executive Officers as well as Bill Cashman, John Callahan and Bob Segal did meet with the Governor. The Governor discussed a judiciary appointment he is going to make. He thinks there should be someone from organized labor on the judiciary committee he is setting up and wants President Sullivan to submit names as soon as possible. Mental Health and legislation as well as a number of other matters were discussed.

Pres. Sullivan told the Governor he would like to meet with Fred Salvucci and the Governor told him to call him. The meeting should also include Walter Ryan, Al DiRienzo, Harry O'Donnell and Bill Cleary.

V.P. Cleary asked whether or not there was any discussion whatsoever on construction and if the Governor intends to retain the present Commissioner of Labor. V.P. Cleary explained that this is of prime importance to the construction trades as he will have to work with the Commissioner.

Pres. Sullivan advised that we are also interested as we have three names before him and hope that he will choose one soon.

Exec. V.P. Murray said that there was mention of that and the Governor indicated that Rocco Alberto was not going to receive any consideration.

V.P. Prendergast mentioned that a budget meeting was held to which Bob Rodwell and he were not invited. He would like to be invited to a meeting with Fred Salvucci.

V.P. Sonsini stated that he would invite Fred Salvucci to our March meeting.

Motion was duly made and seconded that the President's report be accepted. So voted.

Former President William J. Belanger spoke to the Council about the unemployment problem, including illegal aliens working in the United States. Legislation is being filed by Senators Kennedy and Rodino putting a penalty on employers who hire these people. We should look at this legislation and push it because the Immigration people tell us that if the legislation is enforced it could create one million jobs for the American unemployed.

There was discussion regarding a bill calling for bi-weekly payments of unemployment compensation. Leg. Dir. Cashman advised that there is a hearing on that bill, H.152 at 10:30 in Room 436, Commerce & Labor and he asked what position the Council should take.

V.P. Brunelle made a motion that was seconded by V.P. Wall that the Leg. Dir. be instructed to favor the bill for a six month trial basis. V.P. Cardinal voted present and V.P. Ferreira questioned the vote. A count was taken and the final vote was 9-7 against the motion and the Leg. Dir. was instructed to oppose the bill.

COPE REPORT

An insert is being placed in the monthly newsletter regarding tax deduction to be applied for Presidential elections.

A final report wass filed with the Commonwealth of Mass. and National Cope on campaign and political finance for the year 1974.

The Educational Committee met on January 13, 1975. It was decided that the Gompers Murray Institute will be held on April 24 and 25, 1975. A tentative program has been scheduled. It was decided that Congressman Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. would receive the Gompers-Murray award and Thomas Bowe would be awarded the Certificate of Merit. A charge of $50.00 per confereee will cover meals, lodging, social hour and the Gompers-Murray banquet.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

January 13, 1975

No.	Bill	Committee
729	BILL TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY LABOR CONTRIBUTIONS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (2 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL c 149
730	BILL ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS PROTECTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF FOOD & DRUGS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (2 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL cc 17, 111
731	BILL REQUIRING EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATING PENSION & RETIREMENT FUNDS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep. Businger (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 149
732	BILL TO CONTINUE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR DISABLED PERSONS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
733	BILL TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES WITH PARTIAL LOSS OF HEARING Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 152
734	BILL TO PROTECT BUS BOYS AND GIRLS (1 page) Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger	Commerce & Labor GL c 151
738	BILL TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN LABOR SITUATIONS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep McGee (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
739	BILL TO REDUCE THE WAITING PERIOD UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT Mass. State Labor Council & Rep McGee (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 152
740	BILL TO PROTECT PENSIONEERS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW Mass. State Labor Council & Rep McGee (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151 A
776	BILL REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION TO BE FILED ANNUALLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BY OPERATORS OF NURSING, CONVALESCENT & REST HOMES Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (1 page)	Health Care GL c 111
778	BILL TO AID FAMILIES WITH DISABLED CHILDREN Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (4 pages)	Human Services & Elderly Affairs GL c 118
862	BILL TO PROVIDE LABOR REPRESENTATION ON THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY Mass. State Labor Council & Rep McGee (1 page)	Urban Affairs
869	BILL TO CLARIFY THE PROFESSIONAL STRIKEBREAKER LAW Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Smith	Commerce & Labor GL c 149
870	BILL TO PROTECT THE MINIMUM WAGE OF GRATUITY EMPLOYEES Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Smith (1 Page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151
871	BILL TO PROVIDE FOR MODIFICATION IN WEEKLY INCAPACITY COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT WHERE THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE COST OF LIVING Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Smith (2 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL c 152
872	BILL REVISING DEPENDENCY BENEFIT LIMITS IN PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Smith (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
873	BILL TO INCREASE THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Smith (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 23
874	BILL TO CLARIFY THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Smith (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
908	BILL FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BARBER SHOPS AND BEAUTY PARLORS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep CV Shea (1 page)	Government Regulations GL c 272

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NO.	BILL	COMMITTEE
912	BILL TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF CATERERS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep CV Shea	Health Care GL c 94
921	RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE RATE SETTING COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE SKYROCKETING COSTS OF HEALTH SERVICES Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Businger (1 page)	Insurance
1065	BILL TO CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LAW Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Howe (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 140
1069	BILL TO ENSURE THAT CLAIMANTS UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT RECEIVE THE FULL COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED (2 pages) Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan	Commerce & Labor GL c 152
1070	BILL TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT TO COVER ALL BODILY HARM CAUSED BY THE EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING SO-CALLED WEAR AND TEAR Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 152
1071	BILL TO INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS Mass.State Labor Council & Rep Phelan	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
1072	BILL TO PROTECT LOCKED OUT EMPLOYEES Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (2 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
1073	BILL TO PROTECT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES UNDER THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151
1074	BILL TO ELIMINATE THE ARBITRARY MAXIMUMS IN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (2 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL c 152
1075	BILL RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (1 page)	Commerce & Labor
1076	BILL ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RATIO OF PAY FOR SERVICE EMPLOYEES CONTRACTING WITH CITIES, TOWNS, COUNTIES AND STATE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (1 page)	Commerce & Labor
1077	BILL TO CLARIFY PREVAILING WAGES Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (2 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL c 149
1078	BILL TO CLARIFY THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (1 page)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151A
1110	BILL TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES OF BARBERS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep C.V.Shea (1 page)	Government Regulations GL c 112
1119	BILL TO INCREASE THE MEMBERS ON THE RATE SETTING COMMISSION Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (2 pages)	Health Care GL c 6A
1139	BILL ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD AUTHORITY Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (3 pages)	Insurance
1223	BILL TO PROTECT FAIR CONTRACTORS Mass. State Labor Council & Rep Phelan (1 page)	State Administration GL c 149
1270	BILL PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A COMPETITIVE FUND FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION Mass. State Labor Council & Rep MF Flaherty (9 pages)	Commerce & Labor GL c 151D
2890	RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY Mass. State Labor Council, et al (1 page)	Federal Financial Assistance

52-weeks
$9,000,000

$468,000,000

Bldg. Trades
Needle Trades + Textile
Leather + Shoe

50% portion of Total Unemployment Benefits

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL
FEBRUARY 20, 1975

Present: Exec. V.P. Murray, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Binnall, Campobasso, Cardinal, Claffey, Tarallo, Dyson, Farnham, Fernandes, Ferreira, Lavin, Litano, O'Donnell, O'Neil, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sonsini, Stefani, Valentino, Wall and Weng.

Absent: President Sullivan (vacation), Exec. V.P. McLaughlin, Vice Presidents Brunelle (union bus.), Buffum, Cleary, DeRosa, Drew, Grieco, Khoury, Moseley, Mulloney (union bus.) Quinn (illness)

Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M. with Exec. V.P. Murray presiding.

V.P. Farnham read the Council Prayer.

Roll Call.

Motion was duly made and seconded that a communication from James Mulloney be read before the usual order of business began. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the letter from James Mulloney resigning as Vice President of the Mass. State Labor Council due to his increasing work load and recommending Arthur Osborn as his replacement.

Motion was duly made and seconded to accept the resignation of James Mulloney with regret and install Arthur Osborn as his replacement. So voted.

The oath of office was then submitted by Exec. V.P. Murray to Arthur Osborn.

Minutes of the December 19, 1974 meeting were accepted as written.

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V.P. Farnham asked about the vacancy in the position of Labor Liaison man seeing as Arthur Osborn had withdrawn his application.

V.P. O'Donnell told the Council that it was her understanding that Frank Broderick's name had been submitted and accepted for the position.

V.P. Dyson made a motion which was duly seconded that this organization take no action in the future on endorsing or not endorsing anybody for that position. It should be left up to the Central bodies. So voted.

V.P. Campobasso spoke to the Council regarding a problem between Local 177, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Fall River Labor Council. After listening to the information a motion was made by V.P. Litano and duly seconded that this matter be referred back to the Fall River Council. So voted.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

IBEW Local 1505, Waltham - From 7,000 to 8,000 1,000 members - Accepted by voice vote

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

IUE #257, Lynn from 800 to 400	400 members
Papermakers #372, Fitchburg - From 422 to 222 due to layoff	200 members
RWDSU #224, Springfield - From 1200 to 286	914 members
Typographical #13, Boston - From 1500 to 1200	300 members

All of the above were accepted by Voice Vote.

WITHDRAWALS

Painters & Allied Trades Local 402, East Boston	105 members
American Guild of Variety Artists (due to financial trouble)	150 members

The above were accepted by voice vote.

NEW AFFILIATION

Leather & Plastic Workers #80, New Bedford - 50 members - Accepted by voice vote.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

The first week in October is our usual Convention date but due to the fact that the National AFL-CIO as well as some International unions are having their Convention the first week in October, Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin requested that we change the date of our Convention. The Statler Hilton is holding the following dates open for our Convention: September 29 - October 3, 1975 and November 3 - November 7, 1975. He recommended November 3 - 7, 1975.

V.P. Farnham made a motion that was duly seconded that the Council go along with the recommendation of Sec.-Treas. Loughlin to hold our Convention from November 3 - November 7, 1975. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the Cope and General Fund financial reports.

Motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Financial Reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin attended meetings in Washington & New York at which meetings the problem of unemployment was discussed. After a discussion with Danny Murray, John Callahan and Bill Cashman and some others in the office it was decided to set up a meeting, the theme of which is "Help put Massachusetts Back to Work". The meeting will be held in Stanbro Hall, Statler Hilton Hotel on March 21, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. The Governor and Congressman O'Neill have been invited. A mailing will be sent to all affiliates asking them to get people in to the meeting. We are going to try to see what we can do in the best interest of the men and women of this State.

V.P. Cardinal made a motion which was duly seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer's report be accepted. So voted.

COPE REPORT

The program has been finalized for the Gompers-Murray Educational Institute, April 24-25, 1975 at the Highpoint Motor Inn. Again--the cost is $50.00 per conferee and this includes meals, lodging, social hour and banquet.

THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR COOPERATION IN HELPING TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. FRANKLY, MORE CONFEREES ARE NEEDED.

Cope Dir. Callahan met with National COPE officers on February 6th and gave them a report on legislation relating to political activities in Massachusetts, registration, political contributions, etc.

Referendum No. 5 passed on November 5th affected many sections of Chapter 55 with the result that at the present time "no transfers from one political committee to another or candidates or combination of candidates and committees are allowed." Entire subject matter being studied by the legislature and the Attorney General. Moratorium for the present.

I have been in regular communication with the office of Campaign and Political Finance and will keep the Council informed of future developments.

Many of the bills before the committee on election deal with monetary restrictions on the candidates as well as political committees including COPE.

The Education Committee met on January 12, 1975. Subject matter discussed included: Scholarship Program - April 9, 1975, Gompers-Murray Educational Institute - April 24-25, 1975, Harvard Trade Union Interviews - April 7, 1975 and the C.E.T.A. Program.

A COPE meeting for Central Bodies will be held on April 8 - 9 and a letter relating thereto will be forwarded from National COPE. It is not intended to have a plenary session this year.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin added that the number of tickets sold for the Gompers-Murray Institute is down from last year at this time. He asked that the affiliates do everything possible to make this time a success.

V.P. Farnham asked about tying in something on the economy into the Institute.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin explained that the National policy was that we demonstrate and that is why we are setting up our meeting on March 21, 1975.

Motion was duly made and seconded that we have our meeting on March 21st and then take action as to what we want to do. So voted.

Motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Cope report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman told the Council that with regard to the "Right to Work" bill we sent each member of the Commerce & Labor Committee a copy of the bill, a covering letter and some brochures regarding the same. He was pleasantly surprised that each member at the Hearing had this information with them. We hope to continue this method. He spoke to the Chairman of the Committee and he is pretty sure that the bill will go down. We hope it is overwhelmingly.

The Lock-out bill and Offset bill were heard on the same day. He thinks we can get the Lock-out bill passed with the amendment. We also hope we can get a favorable report on the Offset bill.

Leg. Dir. Cashman appeared for the ladies on Senate Bill 330 which says that women should receive equal disability time and insurance coverage for illness while working.

He also appeared on the bill regarding illegal aliens and it should get a favorable report.

With regard to the bill on bi-weekly payment of unemployment, if a vote had been taken after the hearing the bill would have gone down. They do not want to deny weekly payments to anyone who is unemployed. The bill was amended to give the Director authority to open on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. The people who work those days will be given compensatory time off.

He appeared for the Farmworkers. He has a memorandum which was prepared by the Counsel for the Farmworkers which describes the situation on housing, work, pay and health. The Farmworkers are not doing good in this State and the Committee wants to help them. The farm organizations are trying to forestall this. They want to remove the right to strike. The lawyer says that they have the right to strike anyway. If we can convince the Committee we should get a favorable report on this bill.

Prior to or at the next meeting Leg. Dir. Cashman will give the Vice Presidents a list of the various committees in the Senate & House. After the hearings are over and we start monitoring the bills we will have to rely on the Vice Presidents to get out letters and phone calls to members of these committees.

Motion was duly made and seconded that the Legislative Report be accepted. So voted.

There was a moment of silence for Vice President Valentino's wife.

V.P. O'Donnell made a motion which was duly seconded that the Council be notified when anyone connected with the Council dies. So voted.

Valentine P. Murphy, President of Local 387 Utility Workers spoke to the Council about public vs. private power companies.

V.P. Cardinal made a motion which was duly seconded that all interested parties get together to discuss this subject. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Walla H. Paradis, Rec. Sec. USA Local 12026 asking for aid in strike against Bay State Gas Co., Springfield Division - Motion duly made and seconded to help them. So voted.

From Dorchester Community Action Council regarding rent control bill - Motion duly made and seconded to comply with their request for assistance. So voted.

From Stephen M.Weiner Chairman, Rate Setting Commission re recommendation for appointment to the Advisory Council - Motion duly made and seconded to reconfirm that Joseph A. Sullivan is our candidate. So voted.

From Congressman Burke re employment of illegal aliens by E & J Gallo Ranch - Accepted and filed.

From National AFL-CIO, Alan Kistler, Dir. Dept. of Organization & Field Services thanking us for our efforts regarding the Energy Transportation Security Bill - Accepted and filed.

From Ernest S. Lee, Dir. Dept. of International Affairs re two resolutions on Northern Ireland - Motion duly made and seconded to comply with letter. So voted.

From John W. Griffin, S.T., Gr. Lawrence & Haverhill Central Labor Council re Legislative Conference April 30, 1975 - Accepted and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Albert F. Litano, B.A., IUE Local 255, Pittsfield re Resolution on Energy Crisis - Motion duly made and seconded that the Resolution be adopted and that a copy be sent to all affiliates asking them to take some action. So voted.

From Alan Zaslavsky re importation of goods from South Africa - Motion duly made and seconded that this be referred to the Executive Officers. So voted.

From Committee on Ways & Means re Hearing on Senate 1691, An Act Standardizing & Increasing the Availability of Health Insurance Coverage in the Commonwealth to be held on March 6, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. in Gardner Auditorium - After a discussion a motion was duly made and seconded that this be placed on file. So voted.

From Middlesex Community College re OSHA program - Motion duly made and seconded to refer this to our OSHA Committee - So voted.

From Alfred A. DiRienzo, Pres., Mass. State Bldg. & Construction Trades re boycott against all Cumberland Farms stores & products - Motion duly made and seconded that we continue to support the boycott - So voted.

From William E. Simon, Sec. of Treasury re YF-17 aircraft - Motion duly made and seconded to turn this over to V.P. Farnham - So voted.

From Frank A. Shrontz, Ass't Sec. of the Air Force re YF-17 aircraft - Motion duly made and seconded to turn this over to V.P. Farnham - So voted.

From Pres. George Meany re Action Program to put America back to work. - Accepted and filed.

From Congressman Burke re our letter on banking rules and regulations - Placed on file.

From Howard V. Doyle, Pres. Mass. State Council AFSC&ME re Special Details where a labor dispute exists - Tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

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AGENDA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
FEBRUARY 20, 1975

Minutes of December 19, 1974 Meeting.
Minutes of January 16, 1975 Meeting.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

IBEW Local 1505, Waltham - From 7,000 to 8,000	1,000 members

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

IUE #257, Lynn - From 800 to 400	400 members
Papermakers #372, Fitchburg - From 422 to 222 due to layoff	200 members
RWDSU #224, Springfield - from 1200 to 286	914 members
Typographical #13, Boston - From 1500 to 1200	300 members

WITHDRAWALS

Painters & Allied Trades Local 402, East Boston	105 members
American Guild of Variety Artists (due to financial trouble)	150 members
~~Painters & Allied Trades Local 402, East Boston (due to extenuating circumstances)~~	~~105 members~~

NEW AFFILIATION

Leather & Plastic Workers #80, New Bedford	50 members

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - COPE - LEGISLATIVE

COMMUNICATIONS

From Walla H. Paradis, Rec. Sec. USA Local 12026 asking for aid in strike against Bay State Gas Co., Springfield Division
From Dorchester Community Action Council regarding rent control bill
From Stephen M. Weiner, Chairman, Rate Setting Commission re recommendation for appointment to the Advisory Council
From Congressman Burke re employment of illegal aliens by E & J Gallo Ranch
From National AFL-CIO, Alan Kistler, Dir. Dept. of Organization & Field Service thanking us for our efforts regarding the Energy Transportation Security Bill
From Ernest S. Lee, Dir. Dept. of International Affairs re two resolutions on Northern Ireland
From John W. Griffin, S.T., Gr. Lawrence & Haverhill Central Labor Council re Legislative Conference April 30, 1975
From Albert F. Litano, B.A., IUE Local 255, Pittsfield re Resolution on Energy Crisis
From Alan Zaslavsky re importation of goods from South Africa
From Committee on Ways & Means re Hearing on Senate 1691, an Act Standardizing & Increasing the Availability of Health Insurance Coverage in the Commonwealth to be held on March 6, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. in Gardner Auditorium
From Middlesex Community College re OSHA program
From Alfred A. Di Rienzo, Pres., Mass. State Bldg. & Construction Trades re boycott against all Cumberland Farms Stores & products
From William E. Simon, Sec. of Treasury re YF-17 aircraft
From Frank A. Shrontz, Ass't Sec. of the Air Force re YF-17 aircraft
From Pres. George Meany re Action Program to put America Back to Work
From Congressman Burke re our letter on banking rules & regulations
From Howard V. Doyle, Pres. Mass. State Council AFSC&ME re Special Details where a labor dispute exists
Thank you letter from Edward Milano, V.P. United-Italian-American Labor Council
Thank you note from V.P. Ralph Valentino
Thank you note from the family of Frances Balough
From Statler Hilton Hotel re Convention date

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

February 18, 1975

Hearing on January 27, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
No. 2890 - RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY

Hearings on January 28, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 729 - BILL TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY LABOR CONTRIBUTIONS
No. 869 - BILL TO CLARIFY THE PROFESSIONAL STRIKEBREAKER LAW
No.1076 - BILL ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RATIO OF PAY FOR SERVICE EMPLOYEES CONTRACTING WITH CITIES, TOWNS, COUNTIES AND STATE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
No.1077 - BILL TO CLARIFY PREVAILING WAGES

Hearing on January 30, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No.1075 - BILL RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS

Hearings on February 11, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 738 - BILL TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN LABOR SITUATIONS
No. 740 - BILL TO PROTECT PENSIONEERS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW
No.1072 - BILL TO PROTECT LOCKED OUT EMPLOYEES

Hearing on February 13, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 730 - BILL ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS PROTECTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF FOOD & DRUGS

Hearings on February 19, 1975 - Committee on Health Care
No. 776 - BILL REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION TO BE FILED ANNUALLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BY OPERATORS OF NURSING, CONVALESCENT & REST HOMES
No.1119 - BILL TO INCREASE THE MEMBERS ON THE RATE SETTING COMMISSION

Hearing on February 20, 1975 - Committee on Insurance
No. 921 - RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE RATE SETTING COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE SKYROCKETING COSTS OF HEATLH SERVICES

Hearings on February 25, 1975
Committee on Commerce & Labor
No. 733 - BILL TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES WITH PARTIAL LOSS OF HEARING
No. 739 - BILL TO REDUCE THE WAITING PERIOD UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT
No.1070 - BILL TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT TO COVER ALL BODILY HARM CAUSED BY THE EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING SO-CALLED WEAR AND TEAR

Committee on Government Regulations
No. 908 - BILL FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BARBER SHOPS AND BEAUTY PARLORS
No.1110 - BILL TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES OF BARBERS

Hearings on February 27, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 871 - BILL TO PROVIDE FOR MODIFICATION IN WEEKLY INCAPACITY COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT WHERE THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE COST OF LIVING
No. 873 - BILL TO INCREASE THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD
No.1069 - BILL TO ENSURE THAT CLAIMANETS UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT RECEIVE THE FULL COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED
No.1074 - BILL TO ELIMINATE THE ARBITRARY MAXIMUMS IN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Hearing on March 4, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE
No.1139 - BILL ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD AUTHORITY

Hearing on March 5, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE
No. 912 - BILL TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF CATERERS

Hearing on March 10, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS
No. 778 - BILL TO AID FAMILIES WITH DISABLED CHILDREN

Hearing on March 11, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 1065 - BILL TO CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LAW

Hearings - March 13, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 734 - BILL TO PROTECT BUS BOYS AND BUS GIRLS
No. 870 - BILL TO PROTECT THE MINIMUM WAGE OF GRATUITY EMPLOYEES
No.1073 - BILL TO PROTECT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES UNDER THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW

Hearing on March 18, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 731 - BILL REQUIRING EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATING PENSION & RETIREMENT FUNDS

Hearing on March 20, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 1270 - BILL PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A COMPETITIVE FUND FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Hearings on March 27, 1975 - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR
No. 732 - BILL TO CONTINUE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR DISABLED PERSONS
No. 872 - BILL REVISING DEPENDENCY BENEFIT LIMITS IN PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
No. 874 - BILL TO CLARIFY THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
No.1071 - BILL TO INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS
No.1078 - BILL TO CLARIFY THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW

BILLS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A HEARING DATE

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No. 362 - BILL TO PROVIDE LABOR REPRESENTATION ON THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - Committee on Urban Affairs

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No.1223 - BILL TO PROTECT FAIR CONTRACTORS - Committee on State Administration

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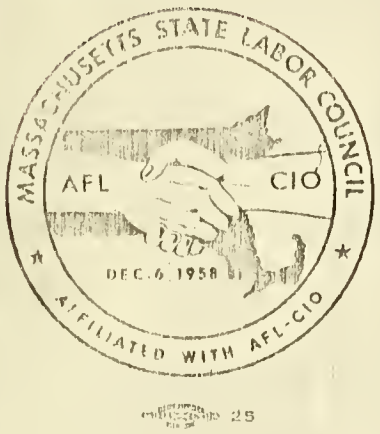

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February 25, 1975

Frederick P. Salvucci,
Secretary of Transportation
18 Tremont St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Salvucci:

The Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO cordially invites you to attend its Executive Board Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 1975 at 11:30 A.M. at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Room 402. We would like you to say a few words to the Council and have lunch with us.

Hoping your schedule will allow you to attend, I am

Very truly yours,

James P. Loughlin
Secretary-Treasurer

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REMARKS OF V.P. CAMPOBASSO AT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 1975

Vice President Campobasso told the Council that he had been asked by the Vice President of his International to bring a matter up before the Council and he believes it should properly be before the Council as it may be a matter of jurisdiction. Something transpired in the Fall River area where the Amalgamated was given a fast shuffle.

Local 177, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union is affiliated with the United Labor Council of Fall River. The local has been under a trusteeship of the International for better than a year and while under a trusteeship hasn't had any right to function in any matters pertaining to the organization even to the degree that when the National Convention was held last October the only local that did not send any delegates was the Fall River local.

Charges were brought there against local officers by members of that local and were heard in Fall River by a committee appointed by the International. The committee made its findingsand they were given to the people involved. Those who cared to appeal the decision were given the right to appeal before the convention last October. Nevertheless the findings of the committee went through and were upheld. The local still appears under trusteeship and certain members were suspended from all union activities and can't hold office for two years. They did not appeal. The local has now been given certain rights to function even though under trusteeship and the trusteeship will be lifted shortly.

The Amalgamated, Local 177, has delegates to the Central Body in Fall River. Being under trusteeship for more than a year no one has any right to attend any function or perform any duties on behalf of that local. One argument is that the Secretary of the Fall River Labor Council was never informed that certain people or the delegates to that council had no right to participate, being under trusteeship and not members in good standing. Nevertheless they did participate and attend. This past January nominations for officers were held. It was brought to our attention that the old delegates attended and some were nominated for certain offices. The Trustee gave the local the right to once again, more or less, function normally and local officers were elected a few weeks ago.

Three or four weeks ago the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fall River local sent to the Secretary of the Fall River Council a letter notifying him that elections would be held prior to the February meeting of the Council whereby delegates to the Fall River Council would be elected to be seated at the February meeting. On February 10th the local did have elections and 15, as provided for under the Constitution, were elected to be sent as delegates. On February 11th the Secretary of Local 177 sent a copy of the delegates to be seated at the February meeting of the Fall River Council. The Secretary of the Fall River Council received the letter prior to the meeting on February 13th. He received it the day prior to the day of the regular meeting.

The Constitution calls for nominations in the month of January and elections in February. The local did not participate in the nomination of officers in January, being under trusteeship, and none of the local's people had any right to participate as representatives of the local. A member of the Fall River local was nominated, in fact two were nominated in the month of January, presumably serving as delegates from Local 177.

The meeting on February 13th was scheduled and on February 13th one meeting was held at 7:30 which lasted until 8:30 whereby elections were held. Elections were held, officers elected and two officers elected were delegates from Local 177 ACWA. At 8:30 the regular meeting was opened and the Secretary read out the communication sent by Local 177 to the effect that on February 10th the election of delegates was held and a list of the delegates was attached to the letter. On that list instead of 15 names 16 names appeared. The Secretary was tipped off that the Business Agent whose name appeared on the list was not elected as a delegate and should not be seated and, therefore, the Council did so state that the 15 people duly elected should be seated as delegates representing Amalgamated.The Business Agent agreed. 15 people were seated which is the number alloted to the Amalgamated. Being informed that the meeting was held and local officers were elected now new delegates are to be seated and the Amalgamated delegates were seated. This is contrary to the Constitution even of the United Labor Council. Number one, the order of business of that Council is that it should be a roll call, a receipt of credentials, and seating of delegates.

One of the people elected as an officer is not a delegate of Local 177. 16 names were submitted. The Secretary said that they could only have 15. The Business Agent was not elected. This local union is represented by 16, one of which is not a duly elected delegate by the local. Under their constitution it states that only members of good standing shall be seated as delegates. His organization is very upset about this.

V.P. Campobasso believes we have jurisdiction in this Council over whether a local union or international union can play in such a manner where it will be detrimental to another international or a central labor council. Under our Constitution we do have a right to intercede if a central labor body conducts itself in a manner that is detrimental - page 17, Section (b). V.P. Campobasso said that they conducted themselves contrary to the best interest of this Council. They acted contrary to their constitution which provides that a delegate must be in good standing. They say there should only be 15 people and now there are 16 representatives, one of which is not a duly elected delegate. His union is very much put out about this and is not going to stand for it.

He asked the Council to appoint a Committee to see whether the election that was held in Fall River was conducted in a manner that is consistent with the requirement of its constitution and the constitution of our body here to which they are affiliated

If the Council wants the charges in writing it will delay it until the next meeting of this Council. Lawyers are prepared to give written charges if need be.

They did not have any right to elect a person under suspension for a two year period and this was common knowledge within this Council. Nevertheless the name was allowed to go on the ballot and was elected at the first meeting. You don't hold a first meeting and then open up for regular business.

He asked the Council to investigate. If you feel we are wrong then tell us we are wrong. If you feel our union is right then let the committee decide what course of action to take. He doesn't believe the results of the election will be any different except for the person who was not a duly elected delegate. He asked that we appoint a committee to investigate the election held on February 13th.

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March 31, 1975

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Enclosed herewith for your consideration and approval are the Minutes of the last Council meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Council of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO will be held on Thursday, April 17, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Room 437.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, I remain

Fraternally,

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL
MARCH 28, 1975

Present: President Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Murray, Exec. V.P. McLaughlin, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Binnall, Buffum, Campobasso, Cardinal, Cleary, Drew, Farnham, Fernandes, Ferreira, Grieco, Lavin, O'Donnell, O'Neil, Osborn, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sonsini, Stefani, Tarallo, Valentino, Wall

Absent: Claffey, DeRosa, Dyson, Khoury, Litano (union bus.), Moseley, Quinn (union bus.) and Weng

Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Cardinal read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Minutes of the February 20, 1975 meeting were accepted as written.

NEW AFFILIATION

Becker Junior College Faculty Federation 19 members - Accepted by voice vote

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Teachers Association Holliston (From 60 to 169) 109 members
Meat Cutters Local 592, Boston (From 1316 to 2000) 689 members
The above were accepted by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres. Sullivan read a letter from Council 41, Boston District Council 45 and Local 780 of AFSC & ME and Service Employees Local 509 and 285 asking that we support H. Bill #5441, the cost of living increase for State employees. He talked to Paul Quirk of Local 509 and told him he would take it up before the Council today.

V.P. Stefani made a motion which was seconded by V.P. Campobasso that the Officers of the Mass. State Labor Council appear at the hearing on H.5441 and register the Council in favor.

V.P. Farnham asked what the bill really does. He moved that we table it until we find out what it will do.

President Sullivan said that if he would wait an hour he had asked somebody to come to the meeting and explain it.

V.P. Ferreira read a Resolution presented by V.P. Drew and himself at a meeting with Council 41 and Council 45 held on March 7th. It covered a three step program as follows and he asked that we endorse it.

1. Legislative leaders will be called on to schedule immediate public hearing on the question of the cost of living increase.

2. Following a public hearing or at an hour and date to be announced soon, the unions' 40,000 membership across the State will stage a one hour no work period. The idea is to underscore the unity of all public employees behind state employees.

3. By no later than April 19th, the 200th Anniversary of Paul Revere's ride, Council 41's officers are authorized to call a strike against the State if State employees' pay grievances are not resolved by that date.

President Sullivan asked that this be tabled for an hour. So moved.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the Cope and General Fund financial reports.

Motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin advised the Council that the Governor would address our "Jobs for Massachusetts" meeting tomorrow and would answer questions. Congress is in session and Congressman Tip O'Neill will not be able to attend.

Motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

President Sullivan told the Council that there is a bill out to stop State inspection of meat and poultry and leaving it to the Bureau of Consumer Products Protections. Pres. Sullivan advised against this.

Motion duly made and seconded to oppose this legislation. So voted.

Pres. Sullivan advised the Council that John Barron was attending a hearing with regard to the installation of computerized checkout stands. Scanners would do the work of pricing merchandise and this would eliminate many jobs. He thinks we should go on record as opposed.

V.P. O'Donnell added that if computers were installed the price of the product could increase from the time you took it off the shelf and the time you got to the checkout. In other words, you might not have enough money to pay for the merchandise.

A letter was received from President Meany urging that we strongly support legislation to require that every consumer product have the price clearly marked on it.

Motion was duly made and seconded that we go on record as opposing the installation of computerized checkouts and that we support the recommendation of President Meany.

Paul Quirk of Local 509, Service Employee arrived and explained House Bill 5441 to the Council.

V.P. Buffum made a motion which was duly seconded that we comply with the request of Council 41, Boston District Council 45 and Local 780 of AFSC & ME and Service Employees Local 509 and 285 to support House Bill 5441 and that we send a statement to the press regarding our support. So voted.

V.P. Stefani made a motion that V.P. Ferreira and V.P. Drew's resolution be reworded regarding the strike and that we go on record as supporting the action of the State employees if they strike and that we give them a unanimous vote of confidence. The Motion was seconded and so voted.

V.P. Osborn, Chairman of the Council's Committee on Alcoholism told the Council that at the last meeting of the Council on Alcoholism a motion was put forth

on the floor expressing their disappointment with the support of the Mass. State Labor Council in promoting efforts of the committee. The reason was that there was no mailing by the Mass. State Labor Council although the Chairman made a request in late February for a mailing regarding a meeting in early March. The reason the request was turned down was because of the March 21st "Jobs for Massachusetts" meeting. V.P. Osborn did not think that one communication would take away from the other. The people that attend his meetings are not the same as would attend a legislative meeting.

He also advised the Council that there would be a state-wide symposium on May 20th at the University of Mass., Boston. Informational pamphlets will be distributed and a booth will be set up.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin stated that it was hard to call a state-wide meeting one on top of another. His experience is that the people do not attend these meetings. One will conflict with the other. Our March 21st meeting was so important that he felt we should wait until we had the meeting on March 21st and then go on with the other meeting.

V.P. Osborn said that his meeting was on March 4th, at least a 3 week span between meetings. When he brought this information before the Committee on Alcoholism it was the Committee who unanimously put the motion on the floor that we express our disappointment.

The next meeting of the Committee on Alcoholism will be on April 1st.

V.P. Buffum noted that we have a newspaper that goes out and we should use it to make reference to these meetings. We would save money on stamps if each committee would take it upon themselves to call in and say they are going to have a meeting on a certain day and in a certain place. It could be put on the back page of the newspaper and it would show that the committee is active.

V.P. Buffum made a motion which was seconded by V.P. O'Donnell that this practice be utilized. So voted.

V.P. Prendergast said that there was a bill to take out the dependency clause in Workmen's Compensation and give us percentages. There was a meeting of the legislature and he and Bill Cashman appeared. We have many bills in Workmen's Compensation but the most important bill is whether we change to the percentages from our present method. The dependency benefit hasn't changed in twenty years.

V.P. Prendergast would like to have this Council and Larry, Locke, Bernard Cohen as well as someone from National headquarters discuss this bill and tell him if we should support the percentage benefit or go along with our present method. He is going to meet with the Executive Officers on Tuesday to discuss the Workmen's Compensation bills.

COPE REPORT

Cope Dir. Callahan told the Council that as of March 19, 1975 174 conferees have made reservations for the Labor Institute. We are looking forward to approximately 250-300.

The program has been completed and the moderators will be: Al Buffum, Local 254, Service Employees; James Grande, Local 4, Operating Engineers; Norman Ouellette, Local 201, I.U.E.

Your cooperation during the next month will be sincerely appreciated by the Committee.

On April 30th the Lawrence-Haverhill Central Labor Council will have their legislative night.

On February 20th we received a letter from Norman Gleason (Campaign Disclosure) re Question #5 (campaign financing). We then sent letters to four recipients that received monetary assistance after the date of the decision. Two have complied, one has not answered and one questions whether or not they are covered by the referendum.

Dates to remember: April 7th - Harvard Trade Union Interviews
April 9th - Scholarship program
April 24-25 Labor Institute

Motion duly made and seconded to accept the Cope report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman was at a hearing so Exec. V.P. Murray gave the report.

We were recorded against an anti-injunction bill that was in the Legislature. There was a bill in the Tax Committee whereby union dues are no longer a deductible item in State Income Tax. This bill should be repealed.

Leg. Dir. Cashman appeared for the bill on Fluoridation of Water.

V.P. Wall appeared on four bills at the State House:

1. Eliminate tips from Minimum Wages
2. Bus Boys and Bul Girls to be non-tip employees
3. Licensing of Caterers
4. Take away tip credit from employers and give to employees

Motion duly made and seconded to accept Legislative Report. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pledge for Farm Workers - Motion duly made and seconded to continue to cooperate. So voted.

From Attorney Bob Segal re draft proposals by Larry Holden, head of the State Conciliation Service - Motion duly made and seconded to turn this over to the Executive Officers. So voted.

From John W. Griffin, Sec.-Treas. Gr. Lawrence-Haverhill Central Labor Council re letter sent to Contractors who employ building tradesmen - Placed on file.

From Joseph J. Donovan, Member of Industrial Accident Board asking for the endorsement of the State Labor Council of his reappointment to the Industrial Accident Board - Motion to notify the Governor that we endorse his re-appointment. Seconded and so voted.

From Daniel F. Murray, Exec. V.P. to David Leiderman, Chief Sec. to the Governor re change in policy of membership of State Board of Arbitration & Conciliation - Motion duly made and seconded to approve letter. So voted.

From Allen J. Perakis, Exec. Dir. Peabody Redevelopment Authority re State aided Industrial parks - Motion duly made and seconded to turn this over to V.P. Farnham. So voted.

From Stephen M. Weiner, Chairman, Rate Setting Commission re recommendation of Joseph A. Sullivan for appointment to the Commission's Advisory Council - Placed on file.

From Frederick S. Paulsen, Chairman, Citizen Screening Committee for State Educational Board re recommendation of candidates for appointment to several state education boards - Motion duly made and seconded that this be turned over to the Executive Officers & John Callahan, Education Dir. So voted.
From Lola Dickerman, Secretary of Consumer Affairs re recommendation of Ralph Valentino for appointment to the Board of Registration of Barbers - Motion duly made and seconded that this is a report of progress. So voted.
From Valentine P. Murphy, Pres. U.W.U.A. Local 387 re a debate on Public versus Private Power - Motion duly made and seconded that Val Murphy, V.P. Litano and others be contacted to set up a panel discussion.

Senator Foley's Health bill was brought up - Motion was duly made and seconded that we go on record as opposed to Foley's Health bill for Massachusetts. So voted.

Also brought up was Joe Duffy's appointment to the Civil Service Commission - Motion duly made and seconded to carry on the fight to get Joe Duffy back to Civil Service - So voted.

Minutes of February 3, 1975 meeting of the Mass. State Labor Council on Alcoholism - Placed on file.
From Wilma Rosenberg, Allen, Flaherty, Mirer & Spieler re OSHA - Placed on file.
From Howard V. Doyle, Pres. Council 41 re Special Details where a labor dispute exists - Tabled until the Exec. Officers meet with Howard Doyle.
From James A. Burke, Congressman re banking law in Massachusetts - Motion duly made and seconded to refer this back to the Executive Officers. So voted.
From Richard Noble, Dir. of Sales, Statler Hilton re confirmation date of November 3-7, 1975 for Convention. Motion duly made and seconded to have our Convention on November 3-7, 1975. So voted.

Nick Roussos, Commissioner of Labor and Fred Salvucci, Secretary of Transportation spoke to the Council.

Secretary Salvucci talked to the Council about the problems of environmental laws. You have to have an environmental study before you can even start a construction job. He thinks that you should be able to start the preliminary work at the same time the study is being made and asked for labor's support.

V.P. Farnham made a motion which was seconded by V.P. Cleary that we support this particular request and support his efforts 100%. This motion was unanimously passed.

V.P. Osborn brought up the fact that environmentalists were proposing a plan to cut 25% of the parking spaces in Massachusetts which would hurt industry. He made a motion which was seconded by V.P. Cardinal that the Mass. State Labor Council be recorded against this proposal. So voted.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There has been a statement printed in the Daily List of Committee hearings which reads as follows: "Petition having been considered by the committee at a previous session no oral arguments will be heard. Interested parties may file written statements."

This is not exactly a new idea in Beacon Hill procedure. It is more of a variation or modification of an old theme.

On new bills, of course, the committee considers both oral and written testimony.

In view of the huge workload for committees, the pressure of time and the fact that so many of the pending bills are perennial petitions, the limitation on oral testimony has many supporters.

I believe to forbid oral arguments in the first year of a term denies to the freshmen lawmakers the opportunity to hear all sides of an issue.

A reasonable solution to the situation was a proposal by some House and Senate clerks, backed by some legislators, that bills be filed only once during the two year terms, and that the hearing deadline by abolished or extended. An emergency or contingency clause could permit reconsideration.

Many variations of the proposal are possible and all of them should be examined as any one of them would be an improvement over the "gag" rule currently being applied.

I, personally, do not think citizens should be deprived of the opportunity to orally testify on a bill simply because testimony was recorded on it a year ago.

Streamlining procedures is a worthy goal whether sought in the public sector or in the private sector but in both cases it must be matched with enough flexibility to insure maximum responsiveness.

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